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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 18 are pending. No claims are allowed.

1. Claims 1 to 24 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,706,059. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith in respect of this patent.

Reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

2. Claims 1 to 24 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,283,985. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith in respect of this patent.

Reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

3. Claims 1 to 24 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,761,728. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith in respect of this patent.

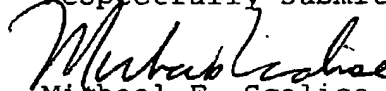
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It is believed that claims 1 to 18 are now in condition for allowance. Notice of Allowance is requested.

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